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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I AM WRITING IN RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED RULEMAKING REGARDING THE DEFINITION AND LABELING OF U.S. CATTLE AND BEEF.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE DEFINITION OF CATTLE AND BEEF PRODUCTS FOR LABELING PURPOSES AS "BORN, RAISED, SLAUGHTERED AND PROCESSED IN THE UNITED STATES". ALL OTHER DEFINITIONS ARE INACCURATE AND INAPPROPRIATE. U. S. PRODUCERS SPEND SIGNIFICANT TIME, MONEY, RESOURCES AND ENERGY IN ORDER TO PRODUCE TOP QUALITY LIVESTOCK. ALLOWING CATTLE THAT WERE BORN AND PARTIALLY RAISED IN ANOTHER COUNTRY TO QUALIFY FOR A LABEL THAT SIGNIFIES IT IS A PRODUCT OF THE U.S. WOULD BE OFFENSIVE TO U.S. PRODUCERS, NOT TO MENTION MISLEADING TO CONSUMERS. I OPPOSE THE PETITION SUBMITTED IN SEPTEMBER 2000 THAT WOULD ALLOW IMPORTED BEEF PRODUCTS TO BE FED IN THE U.S. FOR 100 DAYS, PROCESSED IN THE UNITED STATES AND RECEIVE A COUNTRY-OF-ORIGIN LABEL, "BEEF: MADE IN THE U.S.A.". THEREFORE I STRONGLY URGE PASSAGE OF S. 280 AND H.R. 1121.

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